a rehabilitation package has to be finalised and implemented. Viable units under nursing are closely monitored.

Royalty paid to Suzuki by Maruti Udyog Limited

3177. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th August, 1994, captioned MUL to sort out royalty issue soon for making payment of Royalty to Suzuki of Japan for Maruti 800 and Omni which had lapsed in November, 1992 while that of the Gypsy had lapsed last December;

(b) whether the members of the Board of the Maruti Udyog Ltd. have agreed to this payment and clearance has been given by the Secretariat of Industrial Approvals (SIA) and if so, when;

(c) what were the reasons for stopping such payment earlier and justification now for starting the payment of Royalty by MUL to Suzuki knowingly that this will lead to a substantial out How of cash; and

(d) whether Government of India's policy allows companies to pay their partners a royalty for the technology they bring in and if so, the details of such companies that are paying and also of those companies not paying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding payment of royalty to Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC), Japan for Maruti 800, Omni and Gypsy is presently under consideration of the Board of Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL).

(c) Royalty payments for these three models had ceased as a consequence of the expiry of the licence agreement signed between Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) and Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC).

(d) The policy of the Government allows payment of royalty for technology transfer under foreign technology agreements.

Purchase Preference Policy

3178. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Purchase Preference Policy vide Government O.M.No. DPE/ 13(19)/91-Fin. dated 13th January, 1992 is extended to public enterprises in competition with private enterprises;

(b) if not, whether the Purchase Preference Policy can be extended to a particular public enterprise against another public enterprise on selective basis; and

(c) under what Government direction/O.M./ guideline, the same is being done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Purchase Preference Policy of Government announced vide O.M.No. DPE/13(19)/91-Fin. dated 13.01-92 allows Purchase Preference to Central Government Enterprises while dealing with other Central Government enterprises and with the Central Government. The O.M. was issued with due approval of Government.

Meeting of Chief Executives of PSUs

3179. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Commerce, Labour and other Union Ministers had addressed the meeting of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings in New Delhi on 30th July, 1994 and impressed upon the Chief Executives to carry on the motto of preserving public sectors for proper development of the country;

(b) whether it is also a tact that he had dwelt upon the issue pertaining to rendering of Government assistance to the PSUs to enable them to come out of red; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Conference of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings held at New Delhi on the 30th July, 1994 was addressed by the Commerce Minister, Minister of State of Labour and Minister of State for Industry besides the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister had, among other things, stated that the public sector has a major role to play in the development of the country and exist on its own steam. The Chief Executives of public sector undertakings were, however, told that complete sustenance for all time may not be possible and they should make profits which should be ploughed back for reinvestment.

Assistance to sick small units in Andhra Pradesh

3180. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not assisted sick small units in Andhra pradesh;

(b) whether any efforts were made to assist the entrepreneurs to revive the small scale sector;

(c) whether under the liberalised economy, there is a deliberate policy to reduce the role of the small scale sector; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It has always been the policy of the Government that the banks and financial institutions must make all possible efforts to identify sickness in industrial units at the incipient stage itself and carryout viability studies and nurse such units as are considered potentially viable. Detailed guidelines have been issued to all the scheduled commercial banks by the Reserve Bank of India and the State level financial institutions by IDBI/ SIDBI regarding identification of sick SSI units, norms for assessing potential viability and nature and extent of reliefs/ concessions which could be extended for their rehabilitation. As per the informa- tion furnished by the Reserve Bank of India, out of total sick SSI units numbering 29586 as at the end of March, 1992 in Andhra pradesh, 535 viable sick units have been put under the nursing programme by the financing banks. SIDBI under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation have sanctioned and disbursed Rs. 5 crores and Rs.2.4 crores respectively to sick SSI units in Andhra Pradesh during the 4 years from 1990-91 to 1993-94.

(c) and (d) The role of the small scale sector in the development of the economy of India has been fully recognised by the Government. The role envisaged for the small scale sector in the liberalised industrial climate has been spelt out in the separate policy measures for promotion and strengthening of small, tiny and village industries sector laid in the Parliament on 6th August, 1991. The primary objective of this policy is to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the sector by removing all impediments to its growth potential. Further it is envisaged to provide a climate of sustained growth to the small scale sector through a variety of packages, schemes and incentives. All these measures are expected to contain the problem of sickness and also significantly help in the growth of small scale sector in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के अध्यक्षों और प्रबन्ध निदेशकों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई

3181. श्री आस मोहम्मद:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के उपक्रम-वार कितने अध्यक्षों और प्रबन्ध निदेशकों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की गई;